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INVENTORY WORKSHEET

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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
582	12/30/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	3	yes	
583	12/30/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
584	12/30/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Albany (3 copies)	1	yes	
585	12/30/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	2	yes	
586	12/30/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
587	12/30/48	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
588	12/30/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia	1	yes	
589	12/30/48	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	2	yes	
590	12/30/48	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	2	yes	
591	12/31/48	Washington Field Office Charlotte teletype to Bureau, New York,	2	yes	
592	12/31/48	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
593	12/31/48	Chicago teletype to New York	1	no	released in full

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594	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
595	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
596	12/31/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
597	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
598	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
599	12/31/48	Baltimore teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
600	12/31/48	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Baltimore Chicago, New York, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
601	12/31/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
602	12/31/48	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
603	12/31/48	Memo to file from Special Agent Tuohy.	1	no	released in full
604	12/29/48	Letter to Director from Chicago	1	yes	
605	12/31/48	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	4	no	released in full

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606	12/30/48	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	2	yes	
607	1/1/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
608	1/1/49	Letter to Denver from Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
609	12/30/48	Letter to Baltimore from New York	1	no	released in full
610	12/31/48	Albany teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
611	12/29/48	Letter to New York from FBI lab	1	yes	
612	12/30/48	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
613	12/29/48	Letter to Boston from FBI lab	1	yes	
614	12/30/48	Memo to file from Special Agent Spencer	2	no	released in full
615	12/30/48	Phoenix teletype to Denver, New York	1	no	released in full
616	12/30/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
617	12/30/48	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	

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618	12/31/48	Memo to file from Special Agent Spencer	2	no	released in full
619	11/29/49	Transferred to Sub E	1	no	released in full
620	12/31/48	Letter to Director from Albany	1	yes	
621	12/31/48	New York teletype to Bureau (2 copies)	2	yes	
622	12/29/48	Indianapolis report of Special Agent King	2	yes	
623	12/31/48	Letter to Director from Boston	1	yes	
624	1/3/49	Philadelphie teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	2	yes	
625	1/3/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
626	1/3/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
627	12/31/48	Letter to Albany from FBI lab	1	yes	
628	12/31/48	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	1	yes	
629	12/31/48	Letter to Chicago from FBI lab	1	yes	

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630	12/31/48	Letter to New York from FBI lab	1	yes	
631	1/3/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
632	1/3/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Hilsbos	1	no	released in full
633	12/30/48	New Haven teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
634	1/3/49	Memo to file from Special Agent O'Brien	2	no	released in full
635	1/3/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
636	1/4/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
637	12/30/48	Springfield report of Special Agent Todd	5	yes	
638	12/30/48	Letter to Director from New York	1	yes	
639	12/30/48	Letter to Anchorage from New York	1	no	released in full
640	12/31/48	Letter to Director from New York	2	yes	
641	12/31/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	2	yes	

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642	12/30/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
643	12/30/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
644	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau Philadelphia	1	yes	
645	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau Richmond	1	yes	
646	12/31/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau Los Angeles	1	yes	
647	12/31/48	Letter to FBI lab from Washington Field Office	1	yes	
648	12/31/48	Letter to Detroit from Director	2	yes	
649	1/3/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
650	1/3/49	(2 copies) New York teletype to San Francisco	1	no	released in full
651	1/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore (2 copies)	1	yes	
652	1/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	2	yes	
653	1/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore (2 copies)	1	yes	

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654	1/3/49	(3 copies) New York teletype to Bureau, Charlotte	1	yes	
655	1/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau (2 copies)	3	yes	
656	1/3/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	1	yes	
657	11/29/49	Transfer to Sub E	1		
658	1/4/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
659	12/31/49	Charlotte teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
660	12/30/48	St. Louis teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
661	1/3/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	3	yes	
662	1/3/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
663	1/3/49	Letter to Director from New York	1	yes	
664	1/3/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
665	1/4/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	

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666	1/3/49	Letter to New York from Director	16	yes	
667	12/28/48	Letter to Director from San Francisco	1	yes	
668	12/30/48	Letter to Director from Pittsburgh.	1	yes	
669	12/31/48	Letter to New York from Baltimore	1	no	released in full
670	1/3/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
671	1/3/49	Bureau report of Special Agent Cryan	1	yes	
672	1/3/49	Letter to FBI lab from Washington Field Office	1	yes	
673	1/3/49	Letter to FBI lab from Washington Field Office	1	yes	
674	1/3/49	Letter to FBI lab from Washington Field Office	1	yes	
675	1/4/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
676	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
677	1/4/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	2	yes	

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678	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Philadelphia	1	Bureau advised	
679	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Philadelphia	1	Bureau advised	
680	1/4/49	Bureau teletype to Boston, New York	1	yes	
681	1/4/49	Bureau teletype to Philadelphia, New York	1	yes	
682	1/4/49	Anchorage teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
683	1/4/49	(2 copies) New York teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia	1	yes	
684	1/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	1	yes	
685	1/4/49	(2 copies) New York teletype to Bureau, Newark	2	yes	
686	1/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau (2 copies)	3	yes	
687	1/3/49	Charlotte report of Special Agent Smith	6	yes	
688	1/5/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Granville	1	no	released in full
689	1/5/49	Memo to file from Special Agent O'Brien	1	no	released in full

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690	1/3/49	Washington Field Office report of Special Agent Taylor	18	yes	
691	1/4/49	Memo to File from Special Agent Hilsbos	1	no	released in full
692	1/4/49	Letter to FBI lab from New York	1	yes	
693	1/4/49	Letter to FBI lab from New York	1	yes	
694	1/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau, San Francisco (2 copies)	1	yes	
695	1/4/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	2	yes	
696	1/4/49	Letter to Albany from FBI lab	1	yes	
697	1/4/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	1	yes	
698	1/4/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	1	yes	
699	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Chicago	1	yes	
700	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Springfield	1	yes	
701	1/4/49	Bureau teletype to Los Angeles	1	yes	

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702	2/13/48	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	3	yes	
703	1/4/49	Letter to Director from Baltimore	3	yes	
704	1/5/49	Phoenix teletype to New York, El Paso	1	no	released in full
705	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Boston, New York, Bureau	1	yes	
706	1/3/49	St. Louis report of Special Agent Small	4	yes	
707	1/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles (2 copies)	1	yes	
708	1/4/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Chicago, Indianapolis (3 copies)	2	yes	
709	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Albany, Baltimore (3 copies)	2	yes	
710	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	2	yes	
711	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	1	yes	
712	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau (2 copies)	1	yes	
713	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	3	yes	

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714	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore (2 copies)	1	yes	
715	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Newark (2 copies)	1	yes	
716	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, New York	1	yes	
717	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Baltimore, New York	1	Bureau advised	
718	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Boston New York	1	Bureau advised	
719	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Baltimore, New York	1	Bureau Advised	
720	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
721	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Newark New York	1	Bureau advised	
722	1/5/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
723	1/5/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	3	no	released in full
724	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington Field Office (3 copies)	2	yes	
725	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Boston New York	1	Bureau advised	

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726	1/5/49	Bureau teletype to Boston, New York	1	yes	
727	1/5/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
728	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
729	1/5/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
730	1/5/49	Philadelphia teletype to New York, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
731	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	1	yes	
732	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office (2 copies)	1	yes	
733	1/5/49	Complaint form	1	no	released in full
734	1/6/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
735	1/6/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Hilsbos	1	no	released in full
736	12/30/48	Letter to Director from Los Angeles	7	yes	
737	12/31/48	Letter to Director from Boston	2	yes	

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738	1/5/49	Letter to FBI lab from New York	1	yes	
739	1/5/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Chicago, New York	1	yes	
740	1/5/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Charlotte (3 copies)	1	yes	
741	1/5/49	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
742	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Newark	1	yes	
743	1/4/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Norfolk	1	yes	
744	1/3/49	Boston report of Special Agent Connors	13	yes	
745	1/4/49	Letter to Director from Boston	1	yes	
746	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Boston	1	yes	
747	1/5/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Chicago	1	yes	
748	1/5/49	Letter to New York from Director	1	yes	
749	1/5/49	Bureau teletype to San Francisco	1	yes	

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750	1/5/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from FBI lab	1	yes	
751	1/5/49	Letter to New York from Director	2	yes	
752	1/6/49	Letter to a business firm from New York	1	no	released in full
753	1/6/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
754	1/6/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
755	1/6/49	Albany teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
756	1/6/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
757	1/6/49	El Paso teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
758	1/6/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
759	1/6/49	Albany teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
760	1/6/49	Richmond teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
761	1/6/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	

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763	1/6/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
764	1/6/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
765	1/4/49	Letter to Director from Chicago	2	yes	
766	1/4/49	Washington Field Office report of Special Agent Taylor	12	yes	
767	1/6/49	Letter to Director from Baltimore	1	yes	
768	1/5/49	Letter to Director from Baltimore	1	yes	
769	1/6/49	New York teletype to El Paso, Denver, (2 copies)	1	no	released in full
770	1/6/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
771	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau (2 copies)	1	yes	
772	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, San Francisco (2 copies)	1	yes	
773	1/6/49	New York teletype to Bureau, San Diego (3 copies)	1	yes	

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teletype and in that way, Albany could make sure that Baltimore has obtained all possible information from INSILERMAN's former landlord.

Mr. Cornelius inquired whether Mr. Fletcher commented on the value of the film obtained from INSILERMAN. I informed Mr. Cornelius that Mr. Fletcher had stated that the film had no value to instant case. I also told Mr. Cornelius that the Bureau was forwarding the documents to us inasmuch as Mr. Donegan wants to review them before he talks to INSILERMAN before the Grand Jury next week.

Mr. Cornelius inquired whether the enlarger used by INSILERMAN would be of any value to the Bureau or whether it had been used in connection with any of the material obtained by Albany from INSILERMAN and forwarded to the Bureau. I informed Mr. Cornelius that I did not know of any material on which the enlarger was used.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

NEW YORK 1 FROM CHICAGO
SAC URGENT

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MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
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MR. GRANVILLE
MR. KUTITZ
MR. MAUGESCAULT
MR. MCANULTAN
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MR. GUNN
MR. TUCKER
MR. WATSON
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MC SWAIN
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- MR. BELMONT
- MR. WICKLAN
- MR. COLLIER
- MR. GRANVILLE
- MR. FUERTZ
- MR. KATZ
- MR. LADD
- MR. NICHOLS
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- MR. HARBO
- MR. MOHR
- MR. QUINN
- MR. TOLSON
- MR. WATSON
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- PROPERTY CLERK
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- MR. BELMONT
- MR. WHITMAN
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- MR. GRANVILLE
- MR. KUBERTZ
- MR. MARCHESAU
- MR. MOYNIHAN
- NIGHT SUPERVISOR
- MR. CHASE
- MR. EGG
- MR. SHANNON
- MR. TUOHY
- MR. WATSON
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NEW YORK FROM WASH

CORRECTION ON MSG SENT AT 453PM NO 27 RE J.D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

WAS, ETAL, PERJURYJ

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MERCURY BUSINESS MCXXX MACHINE CO., NYC, SEPTEMBER TENXXX TWENTY-SIX,
NINETEEN FORTY SIX"

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 MR. COLLIER
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 ALPHEUS SECURITY OFFICER OF THE BALLISTIC RESEARCH LABORATORIES,
 ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, ADVISED KELLEY HAS COMPLETE AUTHORITY TO HAVE
 ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED. BALTIMORE CI ONE NAUGHT THREE ADVISED KELLEY ARR
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United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
December 31, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 4:20 today, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that we had called Albany concerning INSLEIGH and had ascertained that he had not returned to his home. I further informed Mr. Fletcher that Albany stated that due to the storm, they doubt that anyone will be able to get to Albany inasmuch as the railroad bridges are down.

A. H. BELMONT
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MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
 ALGER HISS, et al;
 PERJURY
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Pursuant to the request of ASAC Belmont, I advised SAC Cornelius at Albany at 9:40 a.m., 12-30-48, that the Bureau desired the Albany Office to obtain, if possible, from FELIX INSLEYMAN his Leica camera. The Bureau desired to conduct Laboratory examinations of test shots taken with this camera to see if any identification could be made which would indicate that this camera was used to take the known documents in this case.

I also advised Mr. Cornelius that the Bureau also desired that a check be made of the toll calls made on INSLEYMAN'S phone.

A. J. TUOHY,
 Special Agent

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At 9:15 am today, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that SA Ed Hummer delivered the material from the Bureau which is to be turned over to Mr. Donegan for review before he questions INSLEMAN before the GJ next week.

I inquired of Mr. Fletcher what the Air Force said about the material obtained from INSLEMAN. Mr. Fletcher advised that Air Force experts were looking the material over to determine where it should be sent for classification when it had to be returned to the Bureau for transmittal to New York. The Air Force advised that they are not in a position to pass on the material locally and Mr. Fletcher advised the Bureau will probably have to take it to Wright Field. I informed Mr. Fletcher that when INSLEMAN was questioned by the agents regarding the material, INSLEMAN said some of it was school notes and some was material he obtained from REPUBLIC. He admitted he was not supposed to have possession of the material but said everybody took it. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that the chance of breaking INSLEMAN depends on how much pressure we can put on him in connection with the material found in his possession. Mr. Fletcher stated it will take about two weeks to get a reply from the Army as to how secret and confidential the material is and for that reason no pressure can be placed on INSLEMAN.

Mr. Fletcher inquired whether we located INSLEMAN yet and I advised him we had not. He further inquired as to what Mr. Donegan had said relative to CYNTHIA JONES. I informed Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan had instructed that CYNTHIA JONES be interviewed; that we interviewed her and a teletype was sent to the Bureau last night setting out the results of the interview. I told Mr. Fletcher that CYNTHIA JONES admitted knowing HISS but knew nothing about his activities.

Mr. Fletcher inquired whether we are ever contacted by anybody from the House Committee on Un-American Activities and I informed him we are not. Mr. Fletcher instructed that, in the event we are ever contacted by anyone from the House Committee, under no circumstances are we to furnish them any information.

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Mr. Fletcher referred to the release of Congressman MUNDT in this morning's papers to the effect that CHAMBERS made 52 trips to New York with documents and that he took \$10,000 to the West Coast to finance his operations. I told Mr. Fletcher that we had the article he referred to and that we are concerned about the CHAMBERS situation. I explained that CHAMBERS is like BENTLEY in that he has apparently has a tremendous amount of information, but that unlike BENTLEY, whom we question thoroughly day after day for a period of time, CHAMBERS has never been exhaustively interviewed by us. I informed Mr. Fletcher that we questioned CHAMBERS between his appearances before the Grand Jury but that these circumstances were not conducive to a complete and thorough interview. Before CHAMBERS appeared before the Grand Jury, the Bureau would not allow us to contact CHAMBERS except on specific matters passed on by the Bureau. Mr. Fletcher was informed that I instructed the agents that the next time CHAMBERS is contacted, his background and personal history should be obtained so that we can protect ourselves against surprise on cross examination. I pointed out that it is necessary for us to ascertain certain facts concerning CHAMBERS, such as the report that he spent some time in a hospital, because if HISS knows items of this nature, CHAMBERS may be discredited on the stand. I further advised Mr. Fletcher that someone in the Bureau is going to have to have the opportunity, which has never been present so far, to thoroughly interview CHAMBERS so as to obtain all possible information from him. I pointed out that CHAMBERS had never mentioned before the fact that he took \$10,000 to the West Coast. I advised Mr. Fletcher that I have asked the agents to check with Mr. Donegan to determine if CHAMBERS will be appearing before the Grand Jury next week and to make arrangements with Mr. Donegan for CHAMBERS to be turned over to us for several days in order that we might interview him. Mr. Fletcher stated that CHAMBERS will be in New York next week before the Grand Jury, and that he could be held in New York on the subpoena. I explained to Mr. Fletcher that in the past, when CHAMBERS has been under subpoena by the GJ, he has been used every day. The agents would get him from the GJ and talk to him for a while, and then CHAMBERS would have to go back before the GJ. I reiterated to Mr. Fletcher that someone in the Bureau has to get hold of CHAMBERS and interview him for several days.

Mr. Fletcher advised that the Bureau wants CHAMBERS interviewed by us. He stated that Colonel BYKOV and others have never been identified by us. Mr. Fletcher stated that in checking the files trying to find out why we have never identified these people, it has been revealed that CHAMBERS has never been interviewed regarding any of these individuals. Mr. Fletcher stated that we should ascertain how CHAMBERS met them the first time, who introduced them, how did he contact them after the first meeting, how he became involved in the espionage ring in the first place; how did he meet

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HISS or any of the other subjects; did he have phone numbers where he could contact the subjects; how did he arrange to meet them; who sent him to the West Coast; who gave him the money and was it in the form of cash or checks. Mr. Fletcher stated that all these points should be cleared up when CHAMBERS is thoroughly interviewed.

Mr. Fletcher inquired whether the trial of ALGER HISS has been postponed until February 24th. I informed Mr. Fletcher that I had read this in the papers and that the agents were checking this morning to ascertain if this were true. I told him I would call him back on this. Mr. Fletcher instructed that if the trial of HISS has been postponed until February 24th, the deadline for all investigation to be completed in this case on the CHAMBERS-HISS angle is January 31st. Mr. Fletcher stated the Bureau is sending a 17-page letter to this office and other interested offices, setting out leads to be covered. He pointed out that some of the leads may have been covered already. Mr. Fletcher stated that the Bureau is going into all that CHAMBERS has told us. The Bureau is setting out leads to interview all persons named by him who are available in the U.S. and who are not dead. Then, the Bureau is going into the HEDE MASSING group at the same time inasmuch as her name has appeared in the papers and she will probably be appearing before the House Committee. In connection with HEDE MASSING, all persons named by her will have to be interviewed. The same investigation will have to be conducted relative to the NICK DOSENBERG group, which ties in with the HEDE MASSING group. Mr. Fletcher stated that this is a widespread and all-out investigation requiring a great deal of supervision, and if it is going to serve a useful purpose, it has to be completed before the HISS trial.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that we have been working along these lines, trying to get as much done as possible in advance of the HISS trial.

Mr. Fletcher stated that the two immediate objectives to be accomplished are: 1) to complete the interview of CHAMBERS in full detail, and 2), to prove that this is actually an espionage matter. Mr. Fletcher pointed out that up to now, BYKOV is just a name and we have to prove that he is actually a person. I mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that San Francisco has suggested that BYKOV might be ZUBILIN. Mr. Fletcher instructed that we make arrangements to interview CHAMBERS next week and I told him that the agents were contacting Mr. Donegan this morning relative to this. I further told Mr. Fletcher that as a matter of fact, our agents had suggested that CHAMBERS be interviewed by the Baltimore office while he was down there, but that inasmuch as he is coming to New York next week, we will make the arrangements up here.

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Mr. Fletcher made reference to the statement in the MUNDT report to the effect that the House Committee has identified letters written to an insurance company by FANSLER, father-in-law of HISS. Mr. Fletcher stated that the laboratory had examined these letters and could not come to any conclusion on them.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Enclosed herewith is a photograph of DAVID ZIDOVERMAN, alias David Carpenter, and Mrs. INEZ NUNLEY WRIGHT. This photograph was originally left at the New York Office by Special Agent Daniel F. X. Callahan of the Baltimore Office. Copies of the enclosed photograph have been made and are being retained in the files of the New York Office.

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MR. SPANGLER	STAMP
MR. TWEETZ	
MR. MARCHESSAULT	
MR. JOYMAN	
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At 9:15 am today, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau advised that before CYNTHIA JONES is interviewed, we should clear with Mr. Donegan.

Mr. Fletcher referred to our request of the Albany office that certain checks be made regarding INSLEMAN, that is, that inquiries be made of the Postmaster and the mail carrier and that a mail cover be placed on INSLEMAN. Mr. Fletcher suggested that we also obtain his toll charge records to see with whom he has been in contact. He stated that we should consider checking toll calls on the other subjects in this case also.

I inquired of Mr. Fletcher whether we should instruct the Albany office to forward INSLEMAN's camera to the Bureau. He stated he would check on this and let me know this morning.

At 9:30 am today, Mr. Fletcher called back to advise that the laboratory is of the opinion that information of value might be obtained by checking the camera belonging to INSLEMAN. Mr. Fletcher stated that the laboratory not only wants to see the camera but they want to run the film they have against the House film to see if something could be developed. I told Mr. Fletcher that we would get in touch with Albany and instruct them to forward the camera to the Bureau. Mr. Fletcher advised that it was not necessary to send it via agent courier, but that it should be forwarded registered mail.

A. H. BELMONT
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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
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On December 29, 1948, the writer reviewed the Grand Jury testimony of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on his appearance before the Grand Jury on December 17 and 20, 1948. Particular reference is made to CHAMBERS' testimony on December 17, in which he goes into great detail concerning his separation from the open Communist Party movement in 1930 and his subsequent entry into the underground movement of the Communist Party some time in 1931. During the period covering several years after his original entry into the underground he operated in New York City, and it appears that he did courier or liaison work and was the link between "AX BEDACHT, the leader of the open Communist Party group, and the underground movement during this period.

In conferring with Mr. Donegan in connection with "AX BEDACHT, it was the latter's opinion that since BEDACHT was no longer in the Party he might be an extremely valuable witness in confirming the story related by CHAMBERS in connection with the latter's activity in the Communist Party underground in New York City. Mr. Donegan suggested that if it has not already been done that consideration be given to locating and interviewing BEDACHT at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Donegan was also questioned concerning his opinion on the desirability of interviewing JAY PETERS, it being pointed out that PETERS would probably be the least recalcitrant. Mr. Donegan declared that efforts should be made to locate PETERS, and when he is located he would like to have him interviewed and have a subpoena served on him for appearance before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Donegan related, after reading one of the reports concerning the attempted location of typewriting specimens on the Hiss - Fansler typewriter, that PRISCILLA HISS was an avid reader of the poetry of WALTER WHITMAN, the late and quite famous Brooklyn poet. He declared that it is his recollection that there is a Walt Whitman Society in Brooklyn and that the location of this organization might be determined through the Brooklyn Public Library. He made



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the suggestion that if she was a member of this society or in any way connected with it there might be some correspondence located at the headquarters of this society.

In connection with the report of Special Agent Maylan F. Cottar dated 12-23-48 at Detroit, Michigan, there is a lead set out to determine whether PRISCILLA HISS might have submitted a treatise to Bryn Mawr College when she attended there. Mr. Donegan suggested that we amplify this lead and determine through the Registrar's Office whether any correspondence is on file at the college resulting from the mailing of questionnaires or other material concerning sororities that Mrs. HISS might have belonged to while she was attending Bryn Mawr.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

Philadelphia
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today because of a severe snow storm and because of the flooded conditions in that area.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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At 10:40 am today I called SAC Cornelius of the Albany office and inquired whether INSLERMAN had been located. Mr. Cornelius advised that he had not. He further stated that, due to conditions resulting from the storm, INSLERMAN could not have returned to Albany nor could he have phoned his home since the telephones have been out of order since December 31st, and as of today, the service has not been replaced. Mr. Cornelius stated that an agent has been sent to INSLERMAN's home this morning but has not called the office yet. Mr. Cornelius inquired when INSLERMAN was due to report on subpoena and I advised him that INSLERMAN was scheduled to report at 10:00 this morning, but had not shown up yet. I told Mr. Cornelius we were anxious to learn what results were obtained regarding the cameras. Mr. Cornelius advised that the agents ascertained that the Leica camera is presently in the INSLERMAN home. The agents also ascertained that INSLERMAN has a box camera in his home. Mr. Cornelius stated that the Albany office assumed that the Laboratory reported that a Leica and a similar type camera were used. I informed Mr. Cornelius that we had not been furnished with the laboratory report concerning this; consequently, we would be interested in any type of camera.

Mr. Cornelius advised that until telephone service is reinstalled, the Albany office will follow this as closely as possible, and he requested that he be advised in the event INSLERMAN is located in New York. I told him we would let him know and requested that Albany notify us should INSLERMAN return to Albany.

A. H. BELMONT
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At 12:30 I spoke to Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office and requested the home and business address of EUNICE LINCOLN, who had been interviewed by the Washington Field Office on December 14.

He called back and advised that her home address was 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Apt. 738, Washington, D. C., and her business address was Room 5261A, New State Department Building, Washington, D. C.

J. T. HILSBOS,
Special Agent

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J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, IS-R. FREDERICK
VANDERBILT FIELD INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS AT HOME AT NEW HARTFORD, CONN.
THIS DATE. DECLINED TO DISCUSS RELATIONS WITH LAURENCE DUGGAN PENDING
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Mr. Cornelius further suggested that the search warrant be made sufficiently complete to include all camera equipment. I informed Mr. Cornelius we would call him after we found out whether INSLERMAN is willing to turn the cameras over to us, or whether a warrant will be issued.

Mr. Cornelius stated the Albany office has some information which may indicate where INSLERMAN was staying in New York. One is the name and address Mrs. J. W. RINDERS, 909 Summit Avenue, New York 52. The agents noted this name and address on a package in the INSLERMAN house. The other bit of information is the telephone number UL 5-8077. Mrs. WADE advised the Albany agents that Mrs. INSLERMAN had called INSLERMAN at this number.

FRANK J. O'BRIEN
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The following agents are being assigned to work on the Hiss-Chambers
Special:

Danahy, J. J.	Martin, J. P.	O'Keefe, RFX	Simmons, J. B.
Gallant, R. J.	McCarthy, W. J.	Plant, F. X.	Spencer, T. G.
Hilsbos, J. T.	O'Brien, P. D.	Shannon, D. E.	Spillane, L. W.
Kelly, J. M.	O'Donnell, W. G.	Shimmers, J. R.	Sullivan, J. F.

They are expected to immediately thoroughly familiarize themselves with the pertinent phases of this investigation. It will be their responsibility to have a complete and thorough knowledge of the case so that they can immediately cover any lead or interview assigned to them. All leads are to be handled at once and the results of the leads are to be immediately brought to the attention of the desk so that the information, if necessary, can be immediately furnished to the Bureau.

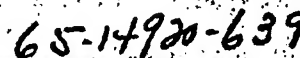
The Bureau considers this case of the utmost importance. It has set January 31 as the deadline for all investigation to be completed. It is important that all investigation assigned to you be handled immediately, thoroughly, and intelligently.

A. J. TUOHY,
Supervisor

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JANUARY 3, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (URGENT)

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.

ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO SECURE SPECIMENS OF TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL EMANATING FROM THE HISS FAMILY SO THAT COMPARISON MAY BE MADE WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS OF TYPED MATERIAL IN POSSESSION OF THE BUREAU. IN THIS CONNECTION YOU WILL INTERVIEW JACK SUTRO, AN ATTORNEY, SAN FRANCISCO, WITH WHOM ALGER HISS RESIDED WHILE ATTENDING UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE. THEY ARE REPUTED ALSO TO BE CLASSMATES. SECURE ANY TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS IN SUTROS POSSESSION WHICH CAME TO HIM FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE HISS FAMILY. SUBMIT SAME AWSD TO BUREAU FOR COMPARISON WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS THIS CASE.

SCHEIDT

Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
January 4, 1949

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FILE NO. _____

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LADD
MR. ROBERT SAULT
MR. CANTAN
MR. FLEVING
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MR. TANNON
MR. WATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

At 9:35 am today, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau, I advised Mr. Leo Laughlin that Mr. Donegan has requested that we interview MAX BEDACHT. I informed Mr. Laughlin that BEDACHT is an old-time official of the Communist Party and has been a prominent figure in it for years. He recently moved to New Jersey where he is in semi-retirement, and he was expelled from the New Jersey faction of the Party due to a disagreement on policies. I told Mr. Laughlin that he is regarded as a BROWDER man. It was pointed out to Mr. Laughlin that we have no reason to believe that BEDACHT would be cooperative; nevertheless, Mr. Donegan would like us to interview him immediately because CHAMBERS, in testifying before the CJ, made the statement that in 1932, BEDACHT called him in and requested him to assist in the underground and arranged with CHAMBERS to meet an agent of the underground by the name of ARTHUR. Through ARTHUR, CHAMBERS met an individual by the name of BORIS. According to CHAMBERS, he acted as liaison between the underground and BEDACHT for about a year - 1932-1933. CHAMBERS further indicated that he has not been in touch with BEDACHT since that time. I further told Mr. Laughlin that Mr. Donegan is of the opinion that BEDACHT might be called before the House Committee on the basis of this testimony of CHAMBERS, and consequently wants BEDACHT interviewed and served with a subpoena at the end of the interview.

I advised Mr. Laughlin that Mr. Donegan would like New York agents familiar with instant case to conduct the interview. Mr. Laughlin was informed that we would send one agent who is working on this case and one agent who handled the BEDACHT file before it was transferred to Newark.

Mr. Laughlin stated he would check on this and let me know if the Bureau approved this action.

Mr. Laughlin called back and advised that the Bureau approved our interviewing BEDACHT as set out above. He further stated that a 17-page letter containing suggested leads to be covered in instant case was sent out by the Bureau yesterday and one of the suggested leads was to interview BEDACHT.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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New York, N. Y.
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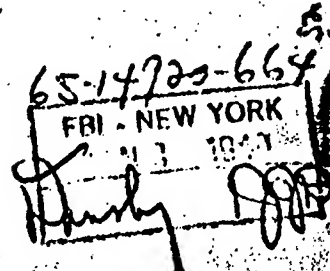
MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
Perjury, Espionage R.

At 5:40 PM, I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau to advise him that the Agents had just returned from their interview with Frederick Vanderbilt Field. His attorney was with him at the time of the interview. He asked that the Agents furnish him with a complete transcript of the remarks of Laurence Duggan when the Agents interviewed Duggan and at which time Duggan allegedly referred to Field. The Agents refused to give him this. He thereupon stated that inasmuch as the FBI had intentionally leaked information concerning the interview with Duggan, as a result of which Field's name was blackened in the newspapers throughout the country, he would not further discuss the matter, but had prepared a statement which set forth his views concerning the matter. He thereupon furnished the Agents with a page and a half typed statement on his own stationery, unsigned, in which he alleged that the FBI had intentionally leaked this information to Drew Pearson, as a result of which his name was blackened, and in which he denied any and all complicity in approaching Duggan. I advised Mr. Fletcher that the Agents had denied any such leak on the part of the FBI, whereupon Field then stated it was the Department of Justice. Mr. Fletcher was advised that the statement would be put on the teletype to the Bureau tonight in view of the possibility of publicity, that is that Field might give this statement to the papers, although he had not so stated.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12/31/48

Reference report of SA FRANK G. JOHNSTONE dated December 23, 1948 at Baltimore, Maryland.

Further investigation by this office of associates of FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland reveals that the following two individuals were closely associated with RENO:

Dr. JOSEPH LEVIN,
National Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Dr. E. P. HUBBLE,
Mt. Wilson Observatory,
Mt. Wilson, California.

The Washington Field and the Los Angeles Office at Mt. Wilson, California, respectively, will interview LEVIN and HUBBLE in accordance with Bureau instructions as set out in pages 25 and 26 of referenced report.

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cc: Washington Field
Los Angeles

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United States Department of Justice

New York 7, New York
January 5, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. NELSON FRANK of the "World-Telegram" called me this morning and advised that of possible interest to the present CHAMBERS-HISS inquiry was CHARLES FLATO, whom he said he knew as a Communist while FLATO was working for the WPA.

Mr. FRANK said that FLATO formerly worked for the Department of Agriculture, the National Labor Relations Board and he believes the Board of Economic Warfare in Washington. He described FLATO as a "small gnome of a man, a hunchback."

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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been questioned about Flato
who is well known
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United States Department of Justice**
New York, N. Y.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
ALGER HISS, et al;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

Assistant Attorney General T. J. Donegan advised the writer that he held a conference with Mr. Edward C. McLean, attorney for Alger Hiss, and stated that he has told Mr. McLean that he will make available to him the 65 original documents turned over by Chambers at the time deposition was taken in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1948. Mr. Donegan suggested that an expert from the Laboratory bring the documents to New York the latter part of next week, probably on Thursday. He desired the documents to be personally accompanied in order that the chain of evidence would not be broken. The documents are to be examined by an expert engaged by Mr. McLean.

Secondly, Mr. Donegan has advised Mr. McLean that he will furnish to him the letter of September, 1936, written by Alger Hiss to the ^{Landon} ~~Wendell~~ School in Washington, D. C., concerning Hiss' stepson, Timothy Hobson. It is to be noted that this letter was introduced into the Grand Jury by an agent from the Washington Field Office, and an expert from the Laboratory testified that the typing thereon was identical with the typing in the original documents.

Thirdly, Mr. Donegan has requested that two photographic copies of the microfilm documents be made available to him. The photographic copies, he believes, were taken by the FBI Laboratory after they were turned over to the Bureau by the House Un-American Affairs Committee. These are the photographic copies that Mr. Donegan desired.

F. D. O'BRIEN,
Special Agent

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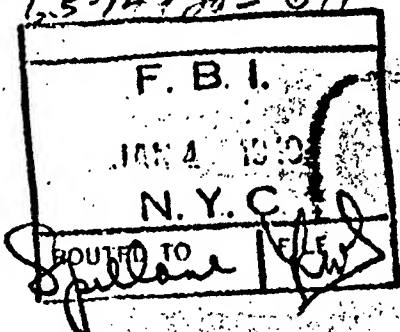
At 10:10 a.m., January 4, I called Supervisor Sam Riley of Newark and advised him that in connection with the captioned case Assistant to AG T. J. Donegan had requested that MAX BEDACHT, who is presently residing in Frenchtown, New Jersey, should be interviewed. I advised him that because of the ramifications of the HISS case and the fact that BEDACHT had only recently moved to the New Jersey area, it is believed more feasible to have two agents from the New York Office interview BEDACHT. I advised him that a subpoena for his appearance before the Grand Jury would also be served at the conclusion of the interview. I advised him that Bureau clearance had been secured for both the interview and service of the subpoena. He inquired as to what comment should be made should any publicity ensue from this interview, and I advised him that no comment should be made.

J. T. HILSBOS,
Special Agent

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY.

FRANKLIN VICTOR REED-LEFT DENSON, ARIZONA, YESTERDAY MORNING,
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New York, New York
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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
PERJURY
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MR. SCHMIDT
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MR. COLLIER
MR. STANVILLE
MR. LUTHER
MR. J. J. CASSAULT
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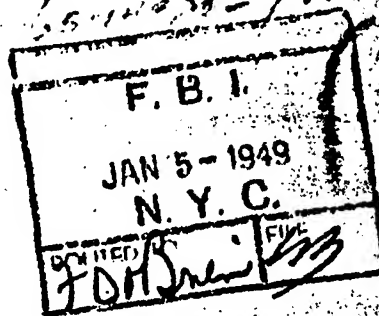
At 5:15 pm on January 5, 1949, Mr. Tom Ronan, reporter for the "New York Times", called to advise that his office had received a tip, the source of which he did not disclose, that FELIX INSLERMAN had worked for the DAKKO FILM PROCESSING CO. in 1937 or 1938 at Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Ronan advised that this would appear to be significant in this case and he wanted to know whether we would confirm the information. I advised him that inasmuch as this whole matter is a pending investigation, it was impossible for me to make any comment whatsoever.

It is noted that we have information that INSLERMAN did work at this company. Consequently, it is suggested that a teletype be sent to the Bureau and Baltimore advising of this inquiry on the part of the "Times", in order that any check to be made at the DAKKO CO. can be handled at once before publicity relative to INSLERMAN's connection with the company.

Done 1/5/49
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A. H. BELMONT
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
January 5, 1949

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
PERJURY
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MR. SCHMIDT
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MR. WILLAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LUTZ
MR. ARBUTHNOTT
MR. MCANULTY
MR. SUPERVISOR
MR. TOLSON
MR. ELLISON
MR. TOLSON
MR. TATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
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Handwritten: J. Edgar Hoover

At 1:35 pm on January 5, SAC Cornelius of the Albany Office called to advise that an agent had attempted to go to Syracuse by automobile last night in order to be available for handling the search warrant which the USA at Syracuse was expected to issue for the location of INSLERMAN's cameras. However, due to the icy condition of the roads, the agent had to return and went by train this morning, arriving at Syracuse at 1:00 pm this afternoon. The agent is presently waiting for word from the USA at Syracuse who apparently is waiting for word from Mr. Whearty here in New York. Mr. Cornelius wanted to know if there were any developments and pointed out that it may be desired to have the search warrant issued for daylight or evening hours. Mr. Cornelius further wanted to know whether he should call the Bureau to get clearance for the service of the search warrant.

I advised him that INSLERMAN had been before the Grand Jury again today and had told the GJ that he had brought the Leica camera down to his mother-in-law's house in the Bronx. Because of this, no definite decision has yet been reached on the issuance of the search warrant at Syracuse. I advised that Mr. Donegan and Mr. Whearty were still attempting to have INSLERMAN voluntarily turn in the camera as they would like to avoid the search warrant, if possible. I advised I would let Mr. Cornelius know immediately telephonically as soon as we had further word on this. I further advised that as soon as we knew what search warrants, if any, were going to be issued, I would discuss them with Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau. I advised Mr. Cornelius that I did not believe Bureau authority was necessary to serve search warrants but in view of the nature of this case we would discuss it with Mr. Fletcher.

At 2:40 pm, I called Mr. H. E. Fletcher of the Bureau to acquaint him with the latest developments in this case. Regarding FELIX INSLERMAN, I advised Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan and Mr. Whearty have been attempting to get him to cooperate in furnishing the cameras, but that LOU BENDER, attorney for INSLERMAN, has refused to let him talk. I told Mr. Fletcher that INSLERMAN has been brought before the GJ repeatedly, and that up to last night, they were arranging for a search warrant to be issued at Syracuse, which covers Cambridge where INSLERMAN lives. However, when INSLERMAN appeared before the GJ today, he stated his wife had brought the Leica camera down to his mother-in-law's house in the Bronx last Monday. His mother-in-law is Mrs. RYNDERS, Summit Avenue, Bronx. As a result of this development,

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Donegan and Mr. Whearty are contemplating getting out search warrants this afternoon for Mrs. RYNDERS' home for the Leica. I informed Mr. Fletcher that originally, they wanted Agent O'Brien, who is handling this phase of the matter, to make out the affidavit, but inasmuch as the affidavit is to be based on the testimony of INSLEMAN before the GJ, this cannot be done. Mr. Whearty is going to swear out the affidavit and Agent O'Brien can say that he saw the Leica in INSLEMAN's possession. I told Mr. Fletcher it might be possible to serve the search warrant this afternoon to get the Leica.

I further advised Mr. Fletcher that Whearty has been in touch with AUSA Higby at Syracuse, which covers Cambridge, and is attempting to have Higby draw up the affidavit for the search warrant for INSLEMAN's home in Cambridge, which warrant will cover the Erneman-Bob camera, the Kodak and the Leica. Also covered by the warrant will be the enlarger, the filter and trigger mechanisms for the Leica and any other photographic equipment which may be found. Inasmuch as this warrant will also be based on testimony of INSLEMAN before the GJ, which we are not supposed to know, Higby has told Whearty that either Whearty or Donegan will have to fly to Syracuse to sign the affidavit. Agent O'Toole of the Albany office, who also participated in the search of INSLEMAN's house, can say he saw the Leica and the Kodak. I told Mr. Fletcher that I had talked to Mr. Cornelius shortly before and that Mr. Cornelius was apprehensive about serving the warrants without Bureau approval; that I had advised Mr. Cornelius it was not necessary to have Bureau approval to serve a search warrant, but in view of the nature of this case and the unique affidavits, that I would discuss it with Mr. Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher stated he is attempting to obtain the film from the HCUA so that the laboratory can compare the INSLEMAN film with the microfilm and the film from Baltimore. I told Mr. Fletcher that it was my understanding that any identification would be based not on the lens or any imperfection in the camera, but on the frame and markings put on the film as it is drawn across the frame. On that basis, it is not necessary to have the camera to make an identification. Mr. Fletcher pointed out that that is why the Bureau is anxious to get the House film back so that the tests can be made, and also stated that if an identification is made that INSLEMAN may talk. Mr. Fletcher stated that the Bureau expected to have the film on Monday, 1/10/49.

I then called Mr. Cornelius to advise him of the information which I furnished to Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Cornelius advised me that Agent O'Toole informed him that the USA is very meticulous and is making a careful check on the search warrant. Agent O'Toole spoke to Mr. Whearty when the latter called Mr. Higby and at that time, Mr. Whearty indicated that he definitely wanted a search warrant issued. However, USA Higby, in talking

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to Mr. Whearty, received the impression that Whearty did not want to get out the search warrant but was going to make further efforts to get the material without the warrant. Mr. Cornelius suggested that Mr. Whearty be apprized of the meticulousness of USA Higby so that Mr. Whearty can issue the necessary instructions and Mr. Higby will have no questions about what has to be done. Further, Mr. Cornelius stated that Agent O'Toole understands that Mr. Higby feels that someone who talked to CHAMBERS and whom CHAMBERS told about FELIX should draw up the affidavit; whether it be Whearty or an agent, he does not care. I told Mr. Cornelius that Mr. Donegan is going to take this up with Mr. Whearty and one of them is going to fly up to prepare the affidavit; that they are basing the affidavit on INSLEYMAN's statements before the GJ.

Mr. Cornelius suggested that if Whearty gets in touch with USA Higby and tells him exactly what he wants in the way of affidavits, Higby could draw them up and Agent O'Toole, who is in Syracuse, could bring them over to Albany. Whoever comes up from New York to sign the affidavit, would have to go only to Albany and the affidavit could be filed before the U. S. Commissioner at Albany. Mr. Cornelius stated that Higby has no objection to this procedure and the U. S. Commissioner is willing to do this.

I told Mr. Cornelius this would be brought to the attention of Mr. Whearty and Mr. Donegan and that we will try to have them come to an understanding with Mr. Higby regarding the search warrant. I told him I would keep him advised of all developments.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
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PFR-JURY
ESPIONAGE - R

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This afternoon, while speaking to Mr. Thomas Donegan and Mr. Ray Whearty, they advised that FELIX INSLEMAN was asked before the Grand Jury whether he had ever signed any security statements or oaths in connection with his positions in various plants, such as the Glenn L. Martin Company, the Republic Aviation Company, and the General Electric Corporation in Schenectady. INSLEMAN was vague in his replies. Mr. Donegan desires to pin him down on this issue to show knowledge on his part that his work was of a confidential nature and that any papers, etc., which came into his possession must be regarded as such. He requested that we immediately check at the Glenn L. Martin Company, Republic Aviation, and the General Electric Corporation in Schenectady to ascertain whether INSLEMAN had executed such statements (which are customary) and that copies of these statements be secured and forwarded at once to the New York Office. *Sub.*

Mr. Donegan further requested that we immediately ascertain whether the Air Force regards the documents taken by agents of the Bureau from INSLEMAN'S home, which INSLEMAN removed from the Republic Aviation Company, as secret or confidential in nature. It will be recalled that the Bureau has requested the Air Force to so advise. We should also consider the advisability of directly contacting responsible officials in the Republic Aviation Company for their opinion as to the confidential nature of these documents. It is believed that such a contact should first be cleared by the Bureau.

A teletype should be sent to the Baltimore and Albany Offices and the Bureau reflecting the above requests and requesting immediate action.

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COMPLAINT FORM

Felix Inslerman
Subject's Name and Aliases

Tell. Sec. - R.
Address of Subject
Character of Case

Chief Edward Moskowitz
Name of Complainant
Ardenhurst, I. P. D.
Address of Complainant
Phone Ardenhurst 600
Telephone Number of Complainant
1-5-49 12⁴⁴
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant telephonically advised that one CARL
WINTERBUTTA, 154 35ST Ardenhurst, I. P. D., Phone 5095,
Ardenhurst
Office Babylon 444, telephonically informed him that he, Winterbotta
was formerly acquainted with Felix Inslerman and had worked
with him at Robinson. Winterbotta had received a letter to Inslerman
on 35ST Ardenhurst, and has in his possession a letter from
Mr Felix Inslerman to Inslerman, postmarked Maryland.
Winterbotta told complainant that it might be important in
connection with Inslerman's statement concerning his not
knowing Chumkins.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Winterbotta be contacted to obtain further information

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of above info telephonically
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Lawrence D. Talbot
Special Agent

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New York, N. Y.**

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January 6, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the attached complaint form of SA Lawrence D. Talbot, 1-5-49.

I contacted Chief of Police Edward Morlock, Lindenhurst, Long Island, 600, and he had no additional information to furnish. He also stated that he had no objection to our directly contacting CARL WINTERBOTTOM, who I immediately phoned at Babylon 444.

"r. WINTERBOTTOM" advised that the INSLEYMANs had at one time been tenants in a house owned by WINTERBOTTOM'S mother-in-law, and that in connection with the negotiation for the rental of the house a letter had been written by "rs. INSLEYMAN" to "rs. CARL WINTERBOTTOM". The letter was written from 13 Fir Drive, Middle River, Maryland, 3-23-42. The letter dealt solely with the rental negotiation. "r. WINTERBOTTOM" stated he was calling this information to appropriate authorities because he had read in the paper where INSLEYMAN had denied knowing CHAMBERS, and he thought it possible that this letter might be significant if it could place INSLEYMAN near the CHAMBERS farm in Maryland in 1942.

"r. WINTERBOTTOM" advised that he would be glad to turn this letter over to us.

It is suggested that the letter be obtained from WINTERBOTTOM, who can be reached at Babylon 444 during the working day and at Lindenhurst 509 in the evenings.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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ESPIONAGE - R

Re report SA Francis D. O'Brien, 12-30-48.

A check of the records at the Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, reflected that two references of INSURANCE are as follows:

Robert Frederic Wedberg
506 Fulton Street
Farmingdale, New York

12 Hamilton Pl.
Garden City 7-5711

and

Friedrich August Kueppers
196 Melville Road
Farmingdale, New York

These individuals should be interviewed for any information they have concerning INSURANCE, bearing in mind the allegations of CHAMBERS set out in reference report.

J. T. HILSBOS,
Special Agent

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
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At 5:05 pm today, I advised SAC Cornelius of the Albany office that I discussed with Mr. Whearty and Mr. Donegan the matter of the search warrant for INSLEMAN's cameras. I informed Mr. Cornelius that Donegan and Whearty seem to feel that there is going to be considerable difficulty in getting an affidavit based on information INSLEMAN furnished to the Grand Jury. I advised Mr. Cornelius that we suggested to them that INSLEMAN be brought into their office in the morning on a pretense of clearing up a few items; that they ask INSLEMAN the same questions asked of him before the Grand Jury and that an agent be present while this is going on. The agent could then make out the affidavits both in New York and Albany. Mr. Cornelius was informed that Mr. Donegan and Mr. Whearty will do this in the morning; that inasmuch as INSLEMAN has already answered these questions, there is no reason to believe he will refuse to answer them outside of the Grand Jury. At the same time, we are having the same agent talk to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and have CHAMBERS tell the agent very briefly his story of FELIX and his identification of INSLEMAN, so that the agent can use these facts for the affidavit. I told Mr. Cornelius that the agent will be Frank O'Brien.

Mr. Cornelius suggested that the affidavit and search warrant for the Cambridge house search be drawn up in New York City by Donegan or Whearty. Agent O'Brien can bring them up to Albany where the U. S. Commissioner can issue the search warrant.

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January 6, 1949

National City Bank of New York
55 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Attention: John C. Macy, Assistant Cashier

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation presently being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available to Special Agent J. P. Martin all records relative to the account of August J. Inslerman.

It is requested that your depositor not be notified of this inquiry. The information furnished by you will not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons without the use of a subpoena duces tecum directed to your bank.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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At 10:50 a.m. today H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called and advised that the Washington Field Office had determined through the Hooper Homes Bureau that the Home Life Insurance Company of New York City had issued an insurance policy on DONALD HISS. He stated that the Washington Field Office was unable to determine whether it had requested this office to check at the Home Life Insurance Company, but it believed that it had done so. He stated that the Director wanted to know if we had made such a check. I advised him that I did not think so but would check and call him back.

At 11:00 a.m. I advised Mr. Fletcher that we had no record of such a request being received. He stated that we should immediately make a check for typewriting specimens and any other pertinent information at this company re DONALD HISS, and while we are doing it we should also check for ALGER HISS. He requested that he be advised telephonically of the results of these checks.

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A. J. TUOHY,
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At 3:30 p.m., January 5, 1949, SAC Cornelius advised that he had just been informed by the General Electric Company, Schenectady, that FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN has requested a two months leave of absence. Mr. Cornelius advised that he was furnishing this information to us for whatever value it might have.

I immediately requested Agent O'Brien to advise Mr. Donegan of this. On the morning of January 6, 1949, I was unable to reach Mr. Donegan because of his presence in the Grand Jury room, and requested that his secretary inform him immediately that we had just made a check at the Republic Aircraft, Farmingdale, Long Island, and had ascertained that in 1942 INSLERMAN had executed a security oath; that we had obtained the original of this oath and it was being brought to the office at the present time; and that the company had requested that a subpoena be issued to it under today's date. This subpoena is to be given to Agent O'Neill today, who is bringing the document to the office.

A. J. TUOHY,
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NEW YORK, NY
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Special Agent in Charge

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